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Howdy, folks, how — do — you — do. Yes sir, back again, after these hectic months of seeing state after state rally around the banner of 3.2, and then to top it all the NRA with the Blue Eagle swoops down upon us to give us a new deal. It is with pleasure that I now have the opportunity to stand up before the microphone, this evening, after four or five months' absence, and again have a heart-to-heart talk with my vast invisible audience. But, away with all this chinning and — on with the news.

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Time Brings Changes

Father Murphy, S.V. D., in

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That the blessing of God has been abundantly bestowed upon the work of our saintly Founder, Father

Growth of S.V. D.

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The real meaning of the Latin phrase "tempus fugit" is made clear to all vacationists. Just when one becomes accustomed to over-

Back Again

look an alarm clock, and begins to really relax and enjoy the temporary role of a gentleman of leisure... presto — the curtain is wrung down, and it's hippity-hop back to the daily grind. The school bell has sounded its beckoning ding-dong to our students. They are now back again from quite a warm summer, and doing some good old-fashioned studying. At present we number thirty-three students in the high school and college, twelve in the Seminary, and six in our Novitiate at East Troy, Wisconsin.

During the summer months we experienced a few transfers among the staff. A position of the greatest responsibility has been entrusted to Father Murphy, S.V.D., in

Time Brings Changes

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The first to respond publicly to Archbishop McNicholas' appeal for a Crusade of Prayer for the conversion of the Negroes of America are the Josephite Fathers. They have reprinted from their Manual a suitable prayer with which to inaugurate the Crusade, and will send copies free to anyone on request.

The *Colored Harvest* reports that there is an increasing interest among study clubs, colleges and seminaries concerning the Negro situation, as is evidenced by the number of requests for study-outlines coming to its office of publication. It continues: "Of the many requests we have received, the two which gave us most pleasure were from St. Thomas Literary Society, St. Meinrad Seminary, Indiana, and the Study Club of Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, La. Both of these institutions have for their purpose the training of priests, and both are located at strategic positions as regards potential good for the Negroes. Our best hopes for the future rapid progress of our work for the Negroes lies in a clergy which knows the situation. A knowledge of any problem is al-

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Eleven Years Ago

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President of the United States: Warren Gamaliel Harding.

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Had you been here a few days before Thanksgiving, you would have known that it was fast approaching. A flock of feathered species cackled their last dirge on their way to the slaughter house only to get it in the neck. Our good cooks finished the job to perfection. On this day, following the usual



custom, a Field Day held a prominent place on the program. Sports and frolic reigned supreme, while books and studies were cast temporarily aside. Several of last year's records were broken in the mighty display of life and vigor which all the competitors put into their efforts. The spectators cheered as our Tolans and Metcalfs came down the home stretch. The dashes, long runs, and high jumps all added color to the annual Field Day.

When Christmas came, there was plenty of work to be done by the students. Windows needed a washing, some scrubbing had to be done, and this or that had to be polished. Of course, masculine style prevailed in the decorative art. On Christmas morning, the well known, and so often heard, strains of "Adeste Fideles" brought the students to their feet. If I were only a poet, I would tell you how sweetly and softly its sacred strains stole through the corridor. Soon the whole community hastened to the well decorated chapel to take part in the procession, and the High Mass. A great event of capital importance took place when the students opened their much-coveted Christmas presents, which they received from home. In the evening a fitting program was rendered in honor of the Christ Child.

In the accompanying pictures some of our future missionaries have sallied forth to their daily task of physical exercise, which keeps



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He wants to have warm reception when the cold and chilly days make themselves felt.

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Dear Friend:

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WHEN you think of all that your loving mother has done for you and which you can never adequately repay, can you do otherwise than give her your affection, love, and sympathetic consideration that is hers because she is your mother? Would you want her to think that your love for her is diminishing? Of course you would not. On this Mother's Day, and during this novena, offer your full measure of gratitude to Mother. Whether many miles separate you from her, or whether she no longer dwells on earth, repay the unselfish devotion of a true mother's heart. Sons and daughters, as an expression of love and gratitude for your mother, ask your Heavenly Mother to grant abundant blessing to your mother while she tarries in this land of exile, or to grant her the eternal joys of heaven, a recompense for the fulfillment of her duties as mother.

Brisbane Speaks

ARTHUR BRISBANE, the newspaper columnist, wrote recently: "In a Southern city with about 100,000 white people, 30,000 Negroes are housed on the edge of the city, in filthy, disease-breeding, vile shacks. Crowded together, sometimes ten on a single lot, with no bathrooms, no privacy, no opportunity for better living, conditions are a disgrace, not to them, but to the whites that make them pay \$156 a year rent for a two-room shack not worth \$156. The Government will include in its housing expenditure, funds to supply decent living quarters for the 30,000 colored workers and their families, now living under conditions that would be interfered with by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, if dogs instead of human beings lived in such quarters. This offers an opportunity for the Government to promote building, invest some money and get it back. The colored

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Mother's Day

As I sit here today,
My mind far away,
My thoughts take fancy on wings,
And there by the door
Stands my mother of yore,
And this is the message she brings,

With a smile on her face
Hands outstretched to embrace,
My joy can hold no more,
For she comes from above
With her heart full of love
To lighten my burdens galore.

Then I turn to another,
A sorrowing mother
Whose Son for me did die;
All bleeding and torn,
And held up to scorn,
And a tear comes into my eye.

Then before I'm aware,
I vow and declare,
No more from my Saviour I'll stray,
Then my voice I will raise
To honor and praise
The Queen of the Mothers today.

A Jubilarian

WE WISH to express our warmest felicitations, congratulations, and best wishes to the Reverend Jubilarian, Francis X. Baltes, S.V. D., Pastor of Holy Ghost Church in Jackson, Miss., for having happily completed a quarter century of unremitting priestly service in Christ's vineyard.

Having spent his first years as a missionary in Africa, Father Baltes was sent by his Superiors in 1921 to the Southland. His first assignment was to the Seminary, which he served as Vice-Rector and Professor in its difficult years. His heart, however, was always yearning for the missions. Great was his joy when the Society confided to his care the colored Catholics of Bay St. Louis, Miss. He immediately set to work in earnest and in a very short time organized them into a well-established parish. A little over a year ago his work in Bay St. Louis was turned over to other hands, while he himself took charge of the Mission Station in Jackson, Miss.

May the good God in whose vineyard he has served so long and so well continue to bless his zealous efforts with that encouraging success found in helping to bring about the conversion of the colored race to the One True Fold.

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IT WILL be interesting to those who were enthusiastic over the establishment of the apostolate for the Colored people in St. Charles Borromeo's Church, New York City, last July to know that the first fruits have been harvested. On Sunday, January 14, a class of converts numbering sixty-seven was received into the Church by Cardinal Hayes.

Denver Register

Is a radio broadcast over Station WLWL, New York, December 26, Mrs. Edward D. Morrell, foundress of St. Emma Agricultural and Industrial College, Rock Castle, Va., addressed to the American Catholic laity the following three questions: "First — Believing as we do in the necessity of Catholic education to help people fulfill the duties of their state of life, can we wish to exclude any group of Catholics from the benefits of Catholic education, merely because of their color? Secondly — If the Catholic Church is to provide leaders for the colored race in this country, is it not necessary that these leaders be men and women thoroughly educated in Christian principles? Thirdly — Is it not necessary, therefore, that more of our Catholic colleges provide for the higher education of colored Catholics?... I will conclude with the statement that our duty as Catholics is plain and clear. I appeal for a deeper interest and real understanding of the Negro. I ask for your help and cooperation in the great educational undertaking of our Catholic missionaries."

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Eleven Years Ago

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Since we have made such rapid strides in our studies here at Sacred Heart College, Father Christman thinks it a good plan to begin examinations about the middle of May and close the school year then. He is very anxious that we be moved to our new home in Bay St. Louis as soon as possible.

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But to return to the subject of the actual founding. The enthusiastic pastor of Meridian, Miss., the Rev. Joseph Wendel, was the moving spirit. He was ably seconded by the newly ordained and zealous Rev. P. M.

Christman, but recently come to the South. However, since others outside the group of missionaries considered such an undertaking untimely, the Fathers could do nothing but prepare themselves and bide their time. The new move lost its most ardent supporter in February, 1920, when Rev. Joseph Wendel went to reap the reward of his labors.

On the very day he died permission arrived to begin the new seminary. The Rev. P. M. Christman became his successor and, we might say, received a double portion of his spirit. With the aid of Mother Katharine Drexel and other kind friends he was able to erect a \$6,000 frame building on the grounds of Sacred Heart Mission in Greenville. The building was so modest that it contained nothing but classrooms, a kitchen department and the refectory. For dormitory, the attic of the mission school had to be furnished. Classes opened on the first Monday of November, 1920, for the half-dozen students of Sacred Heart College. They could boast of having a Rector, Prefect, Teacher, and Procurator all in one man, who was burdened besides with the care of a mission church and school. In 1922-23 two Fathers, Rev. F. X. Baltes, S.V.D., and Rev. C. Schneider, S.V.D., came to the aid of the over-worked faculty, while the students filled their cramped quarters to overflowing.

But it now became necessary to seek permanent quarters elsewhere. In spite of the excellent relations existing between the good people of Greenville and the seminary, it was quite apparent that a more Catholic location was desirable for the sake of the students and the fostering of vocations. Also, it would be more convenient for the faculty to be nearer to some big city where mission supply work could be obtained. The little

Gulf-coast town of Bay St. Louis, Miss., seemed to meet these requirements. To the "Riviera of the South" then hastened the Rev. P. M. Christman to supervise the building of a new seminary, leaving his charges in the care of Rev. F. X. Baltes, Vice-Rector of Sacred Heart College.

The compound of buildings erected by the Rev. P. M. Christman, and including a three-story preparatory seminary, a rectory and a refectory, is, if we except the major seminary and a few minor alterations, the St. Augustine's of today. The year 1926 saw its first graduates complete the six-year course of classical studies. To date 29 graduates have finished their preparatory training, and of that number twelve are now scholastics, and six, clerical novices.

The seminary received in 1929 the greatest trial it has had to sustain so far, when the grim Reaper stepped in and culled from among its members the Rev. P. M. Christman, its Founder. He had worked with all his energy and ability for the cause of a colored clergy. But Divine Providence did not let him remain to see the fulfillment of his work so nobly begun. When the foundation was laid, God called His valiant laborer home to a much-needed rest. The Society was equal to the occasion, sending the Very Rev. G. J. Heffels, S.V.D., to replace him as Rector and continue the work.

This year the Society has gathered the first fruits of the seeds sown in its seminary at Greenville thirteen years ago. Four students of the highest class were admitted to perpetual vows. The months of October and December saw them made subdeacons and deacons. *They will be ordained to the priesthood on May 23.* May they become fit instruments in the hands of the eternal High Priest for the salvation of their race!



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The Society's first attempts at founding a seminary for colored candidates to the priesthood were made at Greenville, the "Queen-City of the Mississippi Delta." Hither the Rev. Joseph Stein, S.V. D., came in 1913 with the purpose of founding a boarding school which should become a seminary. The missionaries at work in the South were very much interested in the new project. In fact, it was the main topic of discussion in their annual conference the following year. And yet, it was not until 1920 that Sacred Heart College, Greenville, was actually opened for the training of Negro youths for the priesthood. The reasons for this long gap of seven years between purpose and execution are not far to seek. Religious institutions do not, like mushrooms, spring up overnight, and the work of establishing a native clergy in the South was beset with special difficulties. The opposition and adverse criticism, the obstacles, financial, religious, and social encountered by these first brave pioneers can hardly be imagined in the face of the accomplished fact. But they were real and adverse factors to be reckoned with, and to be overcome only by prayer and patient endeavor.

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But it now became necessary to seek permanent quarters elsewhere. In spite of the excellent relations existing between the good people of Greenville and the seminary, it was quite apparent that a more Catholic location was desirable for the sake of the students and the fostering of vocations. Also, it would be more convenient for the faculty to be nearer to some big city where mission supply work could be obtained. The little

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The compound of buildings erected by the Rev. P. M. Christman, and including a three-story preparatory seminary, a rectory and a refectory, is, if we except the major seminary and a few minor alterations, the St. Augustine's of today. The year 1926 saw its first graduates complete the six-year course of classical studies. To date 29 graduates have finished their preparatory training, and of that number twelve are now scholastics, and six, clerical novices.

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This year the Society has gathered the first fruits of the seeds sown in its seminary at Greenville thirteen years ago. Four students of the highest class were admitted to perpetual vows. The months of October and December saw them made subdeacons and deacons. *They will be ordained to the priesthood on May 23.* May they become fit instruments in the hands of the eternal High Priest for the salvation of their race!

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Greetings, Miss Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and points North-East-South-West — greetings and sal-n-tations. Hello, everybody of the perplexed audience. Folks, the news from all the corners of the Seminary is most amazing today. Things are happening everywhere, yes, everywhere.

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During the Easter holidays we had the great pleasure of having in our midst one of our old faithful friends, the Reverend Patrick McAlpin, who at present is pastor in Water Valley, Mississippi.

Remember that babbling brook I mentioned in my last broadcast, it is now spanned with a concrete bridge. We hope in the near future to erect a beautiful grotto,

which will enhance the beauty of our park.

During the month of May we daily assembled in our chapel before the altar of the most beautiful Queen of May, Mary the Mother of God. More than ever do we need her strong motherly hand to guide and lead us on, along life's stony road.

It is a pleasure, folks, to permit you to see through our famous television apparatus our three graduates. Allow me to call the roll. Mr. Edward Ray (on the left), step up to the mike and tell the folks how you feel on this grand and glorious graduation day. "Hello, folks, I sure do feel a wee bit nervous, I just can't wait till I get home. Oh, yes, folks, I come from Opelousas, Louisiana." Mr. Alexander Leedie (center), let the folks have a few words. "Good evening, radio fans, and especially you up there in Yonkers, New York. I just feel as fit as a fiddle and could talk here all night." No you're not, Mr. Leedie. Last but not least, ladies and gentlemen, let me introduce to you Mr. Louis Carter (right). "Folks, I hail from Biloxi, Mississippi, right on the Gulf Coast, the land of verdure, sparkling blue waters, where great moss-covered oaks and cypresses murmur in the salt breeze; where roses, wisteria, and azalea flame a riotous welcome." There you are, folks, you heard the graduates with your own ears. Wasn't that a treat?

The ordination to the Priesthood is set for May 23 at nine o'clock. Our four deacons will joyfully answer the call on that day, here at St. Augustine's. The name of those to be ordained are as follows: Fr. Maurice Rousseau of New Orleans, La.; Fr. Vincent Smith of Lebanon, Ky.; Fr. Anthony Bourges of Lafayette, La.; and Fr. Francis Wade of

Washington, D. C. They will say their First Mass on May 24 at ten o'clock. We kindly invite those of our friends who live in New Orleans and Mobile or in the vicinity to attend.

At the close of this school term we would like to call to your attention the fact that we are anxious to hear from any promising applicants who desire to study for the priesthood. Graduates, give this a thought! What we need is a class of selected mature boys with fair talents, good character, and desire to become priests of our Society. Hence we kindly ask the Reverend Pastor and you, Venerable Sister (if you're listening in, I know you are), to lend us a helping hand, and to recommend to us such boys as you deem fit for the priesthood. Besides, we invite high-school students, college men, who feel the call to the priesthood to apply to St. Augustine's Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss.

You remember, folks, we mentioned sometime ago that the Most Reverend Daniel F. Desmond, D.D., Bishop of Alexandria, La., invited the Society to send her first colored priests to labor among the colored in the diocese of Alexandria. Well, folks, we just received the news that the Society of the Divine Word accepts the invitation, and will send some of the newly ordained colored priests to work in the diocese of Alexandria, in the evangelization of the colored race. The launching of this new project is of great significance to the Catholic Church in America. A new chapter in the history of the Church will begin. Beginning in the diocese of Alexandria, the colored clergy will gradually expand to other sections of the country.

At the present time we have in our midst the Very Reverend Bruno Hagspiel, S.V.D., the Provincial of the American Province, who is giving the ordination retreat to the four seminarians. With us is also Brother Malachy, who is enjoying the Southern atmosphere.

Folks, the announcer just asked me, am I a good reporter. Am I a good reporter? I'm so good I could interview da sphinx. I gotta nose for news! Humiliatin', dat's what it is! I find out what's da favorite news of da majority an spread da news all over da front page. Boy, do they eat it up! For me it's as simple as ABCD Goldfish. This is foist-grade news. Kind what's always da freshest because it's delivered to you fresh from the Bay. Folks, I'll be seein' ya.

"Ladies and gentlemen of the Nutwork Network, you have just listened to the Newshawk of the air. This is station WSAS at St. Augustine's Seminary."



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